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SUBJECT: PORT SECURITY PROGRAM FOR CZECHOSLOVAKIA

REF: STATE 140639 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED, WHENEVER EMBASSY DEEMS IT
APPROPRIATE TO FORMALLY NOTIFY CZECHOSLOVAKS THAT USG
WILL REDUCE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION AND VISA PROCEDURES
REQUIREMENTS FOR CZECHOSLOVAK VESSELS AND CREWS
ENTERING US PORTS. WE PROPOSE BRINGING THIS INTO EFFECT
SEPTEMBER 15, 1976. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER
AT APPROPRIATE TIME TEXT OF US NOTE AS FOLLOWS:

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2. BEGIN QUOTE:

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND REFERS TO DISCUSSIONS IN PRAGUE IN OCTOBER 1975 BETWEEN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE HARTMAN.

IN ORDER TO FURTHER IMPROVE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF TRADE AND

COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WISHES TO FACILITATE U.S. PORT ENTRY PROCEDURES BY REDUCING THE MINIMUM REQUEST TIME FOR PORT ENTRY CLEARANCE, AND BY REMOVING THE REQUEST-MAKING FROM DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

SPECIFICALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS DECIDED TO REDUCE FROM FOURTEEN (14) DAYS TO SEVEN (7) FULL WORKING DAYS THE ADVANCE PERIOD REQUIRED FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PORT ENTRY REQUESTS FOR CZECHOSLOVAK COMMERCIAL CARGO AND PASSENGER VESSELS SEEKING TO CALL AT U.S. PORTS. APPROVAL OF SUCH REQUESTS SHALL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE U.S. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. "SEVEN FULL WORKING DAYS" DESCRIBES A PERIOD NOT INCLUDING THE DAY OF RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS OR UNITED STATES HOLIDAYS.

UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURE, WHICH WILL TAKE EFFECT SEPTEMBER 15, 1976, REQUESTS WILL NO LONGER NEED TO BE MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THE SHIP'S AGENT WILL MAKE REQUESTS DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.

THE SAME SEVEN FULL DAY REQUEST PERIOD WILL APPLY TO HYDROGRAPHIC, OCEANOGRAPHIC, METEOROLOGICAL, OR TERRESTRIAL MAGNETIC FIELD RESEARCH VESSELS FOR CIVIL APPLICATION. HOWEVER IN THE CASE OF THESE AND OTHER RESEARCH VESSELS THE REQUESTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

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FURTHER, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS DECIDED TO REDUCE FROM TWENTY-ONE (21) TO SEVEN (7) FULL DAYS THE TIME REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION OF CREW LIST VISAS.

FISHING VESSELS, FISHERY RESEARCH AND SUPPORT VESSELS, AND WARSHIPS ARE SPECIFICALLY NOT AFFECTED BY THE NEW

PROCEDURES.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AVAILS
ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDER-
ATION.

END QUOTE:

3. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT WHETHER PROPOSED DATE
OF SEPTEMBER 15 IS APPROPRIATE, AND WHEN EMBASSY PLANS
TO HAND NOTE OVER TO MFA.
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